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## IN CLIMATE BID, OBAMA STARES DOWN MELTING EXIT GLACIER IN ALASKA

President Barack Obama speaks to members of the media while on a hike to the Exit Glacier in Seward, Alaska, Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2015, which according to National Park Service research, has retreated approximately 1.25 miles over the past 200 years. Obama is on a historic three-day trip to Alaska, using its glorious but changing landscape as an urgent call to action on climate change. (AP Photo/Andrew Harnik) Page 4



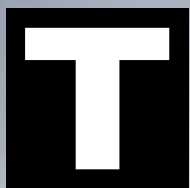
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## Supporters of Iran deal nearing a key vote total to back up Obama

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Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Supporters of the Iran nuclear deal are on the cusp of clinching the necessary U.S. Senate votes to keep the contested agreement alive and hand President Barack Obama a major foreign policy victory, in spite of furious opposition. Democratic Sens. Bob Casey and Chris Coons on Tuesday became the 32nd and 33rd senators to announce support for the deal, just one shy of the 34 votes needed to uphold an Obama veto of Republican legislation aimed at blocking the agreement. "This agreement will substantially constrain the Iranian nuclear program for its duration, and compared with all realistic alternatives, it is the best option available to us at this time," Casey said in a statement. In remarks at the University of Delaware, Coons said: "I will support this agreement despite its flaws because it is the better strategy for the United States to lead a coalesced global community in containing the spread of nuclear weapons." Earlier Tuesday Sen. Ben Cardin, top Democrat on the Foreign Relations Committee, predicted that

Obama would get to 34 votes by week's end. Republicans in Congress and on the presidential campaign unanimously oppose the deal, which aims to curb Iran's nuclear program in exchange for relief from economic sanctions. The Israeli government is vehemently against it, contending concessions made to Iran could empower that country, which has sworn to destroy Israel. But critics have failed to use Congress' summer recess to turn the tide against the agreement, despite a multimillion-dollar lobbying campaign funded by the powerful American Israel Public Affairs Committee, or AIPAC. Only two Democratic senators have come out against the deal — Chuck Schumer and Robert Menendez — while in recent weeks undeclared Democratic senators, even from conservative red states, have broken in favor one after another. With 34 votes looking to be within reach, supporters have begun to aim for 41 votes, which would block the disapproval resolution from passing in the first place and would spare Obama from having

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Sen. Bob Casey, D-Pa. speaks during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington. Democrats Casey and Chris Coons of Delaware on Tuesday became the 32nd and 33rd senators to announce support for the Iran nuclear deal, just one shy of the 34 votes needed to uphold an Obama veto of GOP legislation aimed at blocking it.

(AP Photo/Andrew Harnik)

to use his veto pen. That would require at least eight of the remaining 11 undeclared Democratic senators to back the deal. In a session with students at Johns Hopkins University, Cardin, who said he remains undecided, discussed the pros and cons and said he will decide based on which approach is likeliest to keep Iran from becoming a nuclear-weapons state. As a top-ranking Jewish Democrat, Cardin is the most-watched undeclared senator. "I think it's a tough call and I sort of bristle when people say this is such an easy decision, why haven't you made it," Cardin said. "I don't think it is an easy judgment call. I think there are high risks either way." Cardin said the pressures from both sides have been enormous. AIPAC was hosting an event in a Baltimore

suburb on Tuesday evening aimed at elevating opposition on Cardin's home turf, but in a statement the group's spokesman stopped short of holding out hope for blocking the deal. "Three facts about this flawed deal are crystal clear - polls show the American people reject it, a bipartisan majority in Congress will oppose it and no major arms control agreement has ever been approved with only the support of a partisan congressional minority," said AIPAC spokesman Marshall Wittmann. The disapproval resolution would be sure to pass the Republican-led House, but there, too, Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi has pledged to muster enough votes to sustain Obama's veto — which could only be overturned with two-thirds votes in both chambers. □





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## In climate bid, Obama stares down melting Alaska glacier

**JOSH LEDERMAN**  
**Associated Press**

**SEWARD, Alaska (AP)** — President Barack Obama stared down a melting glacier in Alaska on Tuesday in a dramatic use of his presidential pulpit to sound the alarm on climate change. From a distance, Exit Glacier appears as a river of white and blue flowing down through the mountains toward lower terrain. In fact, it's just the opposite. The 2-mile-long chock of solid ice has been retreating at a faster and faster pace in recent years — more than 800 feet since 2008, satellite tracking shows.

"This is as good of a signpost for what we're dealing with on climate change as just about anything," Obama said, with the iconic glacier at his back. Obama trekked up to the glacier with photogra-



President Barack Obama speaks during a visit to the Snow City Cafe in Anchorage, Alaska, Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2015.

(AP Photo/Andrew Harnik)

phers in tow in a carefully choreographed excursion aimed at calling attention to the ways human activ-

ity is degrading cherished natural wonders. The visit to Kenai Fjords National Park, where the glacier is locat-

ed, formed the apex of Obama's three-day tour of Alaska, his most concerted campaign yet on climate

change.

The president, dressed for the elements in a rugged coat and sunglasses, observed how signposts along his hike recorded where the glacier once stood and now only dry land remains.

"We want to make sure that our grandkids can see this," Obama said, describing the glacier as "spectacular."

Obama is counting on Alaska's exquisite but deteriorating landscape to elicit a sense of urgency for his call to action on climate change. He opened the trip on Monday night with a speech painting a doomsday scenario for the world barring urgent steps to cut emissions: entire nations submerged underwater, cities abandoned and refugees fleeing in droves as conflict breaks out across the globe. □

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## Bush-Trump dispute intensifies, Bush hitting back

SERGIO BUSTOS

Associated Press

**MIAMI (AP)** — The feud between Republican presidential front-runner Donald Trump and rival candidate Jeb Bush appears to be intensifying.

Bush's 2016 presidential campaign put out a video Tuesday that shows old clips of Trump talking more like a Democrat than a Republican.

And while campaigning in Miami on Tuesday, the former Florida governor said Trump only resorts to insults because he can't talk about issues.

"He personalizes everything," Bush said. "If you're not totally in agreement with him, you're an idiot, you're stupid, you have no energy, blah, blah, blah. That's what he does."

Trump tweeted in response: "Yet another weak hit by a candidate with a failing campaign." The video and Bush's sharper comments come as his poll numbers are down nationwide as well as in the key early voting states. Trump maintains a sizable lead over his rivals in those polls.

Bush, the son and brother of former presidents, entered the race as the favorite of the party establishment, with a much larger campaign chest than his rivals. But he has failed to catch on with the base of Republican primary voters and finds himself in the



Republican presidential candidate, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush takes questions from the news media following a town hall at La Progresiva Presbyterian School, Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2015, in Miami. (AP Photo/Lynne Sladky)

middle of the pack of 17 candidates.

Trump, the reality TV star and real estate mogul, has soared to the top of polls of Republican primary voters and is drawing the largest crowds among Republicans to his rallies. Trump has made a tough immigration policy the focal point of his campaign, casting Bush, whose wife is Mexican, as being too soft on curbing illegal immigration. Trump, who is largely self-financing his campaign, has also mocked Bush as being a "low-energy" campaigner and too beholden to his major campaign donors. □

## U.S. presidential hopeful Rubio to visit Puerto Rico

DANICA COTO

Associated Press

**SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)** — Republican presidential hopeful Marco Rubio is scheduled to visit the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico this week, his staff said Tuesday.

Spokeswoman Olivia Perez-Cubas told The Associated Press that the Florida senator will meet with supporters on Friday in the capital of San Juan.

Rubio's one-day visit will coincide with that of Democrat Hillary Clinton. He is scheduled to attend a

fundraiser before the rally. Former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley visited Puerto Rico last month, becoming the first Democratic presidential candidate to make a campaign stop on the island this year. GOP presidential hopeful Jeb Bush arrived in late April for a fundraiser and a town hall meeting in which he endorsed the idea of statehood for the territory.

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## Men who threatened Pokemon event denied bail



Kevin Norton, left, and James Stumbo await their dangerousness hearing at Boston Municipal Court, Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2015. The Iowa men, accused of making online threats of violence against the World Pokemon Championships competition in Boston, were ordered held without bail Tuesday after Judge Thomas Horgan rejected arguments by their lawyers that their comments amounted to idle online bravado. (Angela Rowlings/The Boston Herald via AP, Pool)

**DENISE LAVOIE**  
AP Legal Affairs Writer

**BOSTON (AP)** — Two Iowa men accused of making online threats of violence against a Pokemon competition in Boston were ordered held without bail Tuesday after a judge rejected arguments by their lawyers that their com-

ments amounted to idle online bravado.

Judge Thomas Horgan ordered Kevin Norton, 18, of Ames, and James Stumbo, 27, of Boone, held for at least four months as they await trial.

Prosecutors say the men made social media threats against last month's World

Pokemon Championships and had a 12-gauge shotgun, an AR-15 rifle and nearly 300 rounds of ammunition in their car when they tried to register for the event Aug. 20.

During a dangerousness hearing in Boston Municipal Court, Boston police Detective James Simpson

said Stumbo posted a photo of Norton's car, with two guns crossed on the trunk, with the message, "Kevin Norton and I are ready for worlds Boston here we come!!!"

Simpson also described chatroom conversations Stumbo participated in with others in which references were made to the Boston Massacre of 1770, the Boston Marathon bombings and the Columbine massacre.

Stumbo's lawyer, Steven Goldwyn, said it was mere speculation that the "vague bravado talk" by Stumbo means a shooting would have been carried out.

"This is just the way they all spoke to each other," he said.

But the judge noted that the men brought guns and a large amount of ammunition with them from Iowa. "This wasn't just kid talk on the computer," he said.

Simpson said Norton posted a threatening remark after an online moderator banned him from a forum for ridiculing another participant. □

## Parents of women killed on California pier now file claims

**PAUL ELIAS**

Associated Press

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** —

The parents of a San Francisco woman who was fatally shot by a man in the country illegally said Tuesday that federal and local authorities contributed to the death of their daughter through negligence and bureaucratic bungling.

The family alleges in legal claims that a Bureau of Land Management ranger left his loaded service weapon in a backpack in plain view in his car before the weapon was stolen in June.

The semi-automatic pistol was later used in the July 1 killing of 32-year-old Kathryn Steinle.

BLM spokeswoman Martha Maciel said the agency is cooperating with the investigation of the shooting but she declined further comment.

The family and their attorneys filed three separate legal claims seeking unspecified damages from the BLM, San Francisco Sheriff's Department and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The family said it would file lawsuits if the claims are denied.

The parents said they were filing the legal claims to prevent a similar tragedy.

"We're here not only for Kate, we're here for every citizen of this country who comes to San Francisco," Jim Steinle, the father of the victim, said at a news conference at City Hall. "If you think this can't happen to you, think again."

Juan Francisco Lopez-Sanchez, 45, has pleaded not guilty to a murder charge. □

## Official: Ex-Jared Foundation chief to plead guilty

**INDIANAPOLIS (AP)** — The former director of a foundation created by long-time Subway spokesman Jared Fogle has agreed to plead guilty to 12 counts of child exploitation and one count of child pornography, federal prosecutors said Tuesday.

Under the plea agreement, Russell Taylor, 44, cannot ask for a sentence of less than 15 years in prison and prosecutors can ask for a sentence of up to 35 years, followed by supervised re-

lease for the remainder of his life, prosecutors said. The judge presiding over his case is not bound by the terms.

"Adults who sexually exploit children by producing child pornography knowingly cause vast harm to their victims and should expect appropriately strong punishment," U.S. Attorney Josh Minkler said in a news release.

Taylor until earlier this year led the Jared Foundation, which raises awareness

and money to fight childhood obesity. He is in federal custody. Fogle, who faces federal charges of distribution and receipt of child pornography and traveling to engage in illicit sexual conduct with a minor, is expected to plead guilty at a Nov. 19 hearing. He has been released on home detention.

In the plea agreement, Taylor admitted using multiple hidden cameras in his Indianapolis-area residences to produce child pornog-

raphy involving 12 minors between March 2011 and April 2015, prosecutors said. None of the minors were aware they were being filmed while nude, changing clothes, or engaged in other activities, prosecutors said.

Federal, state and local authorities served a search warrant at Taylor's home on April 29 and found a cache of sexually explicit photos and videos Taylor produced by secretly filming the minors at this home. □





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## US Financial Front:

# Construction spending reaches highest level in 7 years



Roy Livesey stacks a pallet of 2x4's at the Allegheny Millwork and Lumberyard in Pittsburgh. U.S. construction spending in July climbed to its highest level in more than seven years, the Commerce Department said Tuesday, September 1, 2015. (AP Photo/Gene J. Puskar)

**JOSH BOAK**

**AP Economics Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — U.S. construction spending in July climbed to its highest level in more than seven years, boosted by an increase in the building of houses, factories and power plants. The Commerce Department said Tuesday that construction spending rose 0.7 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$1.08 trillion, the highest level since May 2008. The report also revised up the

June increase in construction spending to 0.7 percent from 0.1 percent previously. Ground breakings for houses, apartment complexes and commercial centers have helped to improve overall economic growth. The government said last week that the U.S. economy expanded at an annual rate of 3.7 percent in the April-June quarter, after having edged up just 0.6 percent in the first quarter. "We expect housing activity will continue to strength-

en, underpinning greater residential investment in the coming quarters," said Gregory Daco, head of U.S. macroeconomics at the forecasting firm Oxford Economics. After Thursday's construction spending report, analysts at the bank Barclays projected that the economy is on track to grow 2.6 percent during the third quarter and that the sec-

ond quarter growth rate would be revised up to 3.8 percent. Total construction spending has risen 13.7 percent over the past 12 months. In July, construction of single-family houses advanced 2.1 percent. Factories rose 4.7 percent, and power facilities increased 2.1 percent. Spending on government building projects slipped 1 percent, although they

have risen over the past year largely because of the construction and maintenance of highways and streets. The gains from residential construction have laid a foundation for broader economic growth since the beginning of 2014, after the sector suffered severe setbacks during the Great Recession due to the bursting of the housing bubble. □

## US factory output up in August at slowest pace since May '13

**PAUL WISEMAN**

**AP Economics Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — A strong dollar and China's economic slowdown dragged growth at U.S. factories to the lowest level since May 2013. The Institute for Supply Management reported Tuesday that its manufacturing index slid to 51.1 last month from 52.7 in July. It was the second straight drop; economists had been expecting the index to rebound modestly in August. Anything above 50 signals growth. The report suggests that

a strong dollar and slowing growth in China and other foreign markets may be taking a toll on U.S. manufacturers and perhaps the overall American economy. The rising dollar makes U.S. goods more expensive in foreign markets. Two surveys released Tuesday showed that Chinese manufacturers continue to struggle. The ISM, a trade group of purchasing managers, reported that growth fell in U.S. factory production, employment and exports. Raw materials prices dropped for the 10th straight month. □

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## Ukraine's parliament shows cracks over devolving powers



**Ukraine's President Petro Poroshenko, left, and parliament speaker Volodymyr Groisman lay flowers by the photo of a police officer who was killed in a Monday clash, in front of Parliament in Kiev, Ukraine, Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2015. Ukrainian police say 141 people remain hospitalized after a nationalist protest in Kiev turned violent, with 10 of the injured in serious condition. Two officers died from their wounds.**

(Anastasiia Sirofina, Pool photo via AP)

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**YURAS KARMANAU**  
**Associated Press**

**KIEV, Ukraine (AP)** — Ukraine's parliament majority showed cracks Tuesday after a right-wing party said it was leaving the coalition over a measure to give more power to Ukraine's regions, including the rebel-held east. The announcement from

the Radical Party, which came in fifth in last year's election, came as two more National Guard officers died from injuries suffered in a grenade explosion, bringing the death toll to three from Monday's clashes between nationalists and police outside Ukraine's parliament. About 140 people were hospitalized following the

violence, most of them law enforcement officers, the Interior Ministry said. Most of the 100 violent protesters were members of Svoboda, a Ukrainian nationalist party that holds only a handful of seats in parliament. Wielding truncheons, pipes and sticks with nails, they faced off against police in riot gear. Investigators have sum-

moned nearly 30 people for questioning including Svoboda leader Oleh Tyahnybok in connection with the clashes, the Interior Ministry said Tuesday. A statement on the website of the Ukrainian president claimed that Svoboda, the Radical Party and one other group were behind the rally Monday.

President Petro Poroshenko met with the country's top law enforcement officers and urged for a speedy investigation into the clashes. Prosecutor General Viktor Shokin said the perpetrators and organizers of the clashes would face lengthy prison terms on charges of carrying out a terrorist attack. Parliament speaker Volodymyr Groisman urged all political parties Tuesday to condemn violence and rally around the president and his plans to devolve powers, but the Radical Party led by Oleh Lyashko said it would now officially oppose Poroshenko and his plan, which they believe threatens the country's sovereignty.

Russian Foreign Ministry

spokesman Sergey Lavrov said Monday's clashes showed the "danger of flirting with extremists."

The decentralization of power was a condition demanded by Russia for a truce signed in February aimed at ending the fighting between Ukrainian government troops and Russia-backed separatists that has left more than 6,800 people dead since April 2014.

Poroshenko has found himself in a tight spot with the bill, attracting the ire of nationalists who accuse him of undermining Ukraine's independence. At the same time, the Russian-backed rebels say the bill does not give them as much as power as they want.

Lyashko, who came in third in Ukraine's May 2014 presidential election, said Tuesday he will demand a referendum to discuss the measure. "Only the Ukrainian people as a source of power have the right to say what kind of country they should live in," he said in comments carried by Ukrainian news agencies. □

## Hungary bars migrants from trains; smugglers wait in wings

**S. POGATCHNIK**  
**PABLO GORONDI**  
**Associated Press**

**BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP)** — Hungary stunned migrants and European partners Tuesday by blocking asylum-seekers from its west-bound trains, a move that raised new challenges for the EU's passport-free travel zone and could drive many into the reckless hands of cross-border smugglers. Hungary's right-wing nationalist government defended its U-turn — just days after it started permitting migrants on the trains without any coherent immi-

gration controls at all — as necessary to send a get-tough signal. Cabinet ministers told lawmakers that the nation, struggling to cope with more than 150,000 arrivals this year, was determined to seal its borders to unwelcome travelers from the Middle East, Asia and Africa.

Human rights activists criticized the action as futile and reckless, given that eastern European gangs have mobilized fleets of vehicles for illegally transporting migrants to Austria, Germany and elsewhere — but at steep prices and in often

dangerous conditions. They warned that blocking public transportation would increase risks of a repeat of last week's tragedy when the bodies of 71 people, apparently suffocated, were found in the back of an abandoned truck near Vienna, Austria.

"There is no logic behind what Hungary is doing: Yesterday they let migrants use the trains, and today they do not," Gabor Gyulai, refugee program coordinator for a Budapest-based rights group called the Hungarian Helsinki Committee, told The Associated Press.

"By not allowing them to move onward into Europe in a regular manner by buying a ticket, it's a certainty that this new policy will push them into the hands of smugglers. It is a terrible outcome."

Confusion reigned at Budapest's central Keleti train station as migrants arrived with tickets in hand, often costing 200 euros (\$225) each or more, intending to take the morning service to Vienna and the southern German city of Munich. Barring their way were lines of maroon-capped Hungarian police, some of

them in body armor.

Police initially suspended all services at Keleti and blocked its grand main entrance. Within hours, non-migrant passengers were allowed through a side entrance after showing passports, visas or other national IDs, while Hungarian speakers were waved through. Hungarian State Railways announced it would not sell tickets to customers without proper ID and, where required, visas. It said customers could buy tickets only for themselves unless they showed valid IDs and visas for every passenger. □





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## Iranian Guard chief says America 'still the Great Satan'

**NASSER KARIMI**  
**Associated Press**

**TEHRAN, Iran (AP)** — The head of Iran's elite Revolutionary Guard said Tuesday that the U.S. is still the "Great Satan," regardless of the nuclear deal struck with Americans and world powers over the Islamic Republic's contested nuclear program. The comments by Gen.

Mohammad Ali Jafari, reported by the official Guard website, said that "the enmity against Iranian nation by the U.S. has not lessened and it has been increased." "We should not be deceived by the U.S.," Jafari reportedly said. "It wants to infiltrate into Iran, resorting to new instruments and method."

The Guard and hard-liners remain suspicious of the U.S., even as authorities look over the historic accord that curbs Iran's nuclear program in return to lifting economic sanctions. Earlier Tuesday, Ayatollah Mohammad Yazdi, the head of powerful Iran's Experts Assembly, which oversees the nation's Supreme Leader and institutions un-

der his supervision, also said the nuclear deal will not alter Iran's foreign policy toward the United States. "The Islamic Republic of Iran considers the U.S. its No. 1 enemy," Yazdi said. "If you try to discover the root of the sedition that is happening around us today, you will identify U.S. as its main supporter." His remarks echo those

earlier made by Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. But while Khamenei hasn't said whether he supports the nuclear deal, he has praised the work of the country's negotiators. Meanwhile Tuesday, the state news agency IRNA quoted Tehran's police chief, Gen. □

## Multiple suicide attacks kill 12 Iraqi troops, militiamen

**QASSIM ZAHRA**  
**Associated Press**

**BAGHDAD (AP)** — A series of suicide attacks by the Islamic State group outside a town in Iraq's western Anbar province on Tuesday killed 12 soldiers and allied Sunni militiamen, military and hospital officials said. They said the attack began when IS militants shelled army and militia positions outside the town of Haditha with mortars. They followed up with two suicide bombers who blew themselves up near the troops and later with three suicide car bombings. Five soldiers and three Sunni tribesmen were wounded in the attacks, the officials said. Airstrikes by the U.S.-led alliance destroyed six IS vehicles and killed 13 militants

as they approached the site, where heavy clashes erupted, said the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media. Much of the vast and predominantly Sunni Anbar province is under IS control, including the provincial capital Ramadi and the key city of Fallujah. Haditha, on the Euphrates river and home to a major dam and hydroelectric power station, is in government hands. The government of Iraq's self-ruled Kurdish region, meanwhile, said IS militants fired a homemade rocket carrying "chemical substances" at Kurdish peshmerga forces near the Mosul Dam in northern Iraq on Monday.



**Iraqi security forces, backed by Sunni and Shiite volunteers take combat positions during clash with Islamic State group militants at the front line in Anbar province, Iraq. A series of suicide attacks by the Islamic State group in Iraq's western Anbar province on Tuesday killed 12 soldiers and allied Sunni militiamen, military and hospital officials said.**

(AP Photo)

"Upon impact, the canister produced yellow smoke," said Tuesday's statement

by the Kurdistan Region Security Council. "We are working with the

(U.S.-led) International Coalition to collect samples for immediate tests abroad. This is one of (an) increasing number of attacks in recent months suspected of carrying chemical substances," it added. U.S. officials have been looking into reports that IS militants used mustard gas in a recent attack, also on Kurdish forces in Iraq. A senior U.S. military officer said last month that preliminary tests show traces of the chemical agent on IS mortars. The United Nations said Tuesday that a total of 1,325 Iraqis were killed and another 1,811 were wounded in violence during the month of August. Of those killed, 585 were civilians, it said. □

## Palestinians: Abbas says won't seek top PLO, Fatah posts

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**Associated Press**

**RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP)** — Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas has told political confidants he won't seek re-election to the top posts in the Palestine Liberation Organization or his Fatah movement in upcoming elections, two participants in the meeting said Tuesday.

In such a scenario, Abbas would still retain his most important post, as president of the Palestinian self-rule government. Rumors have been swirling that the 80-year-old plans to step down as president, after a decade on the job, because all roads to Palestinian statehood appear blocked. Critics have cast Abbas'

latest moves, including arranging for internal PLO elections, as an attempt to consolidate control and sideline opponents. Currently, Abbas holds the three top positions in Palestinian politics — as president, head of the PLO and Fatah chief. In mid-September, the Palestinians' parliament-in-exile is to meet in the West

Bank town of Ramallah to elect a new Executive Committee. Traditionally, the committee has elected the head of the PLO. If Abbas doesn't run for the committee, he would ostensibly not be eligible for the PLO's top job. A new Executive Committee would create a pool of potential Abbas succes-

sors and would give him a say when the time comes. He has not designated a successor, though he has given increasing responsibilities to veteran Palestinian peace negotiator Saeb Erekat in recent months. Fatah, meanwhile, plans to hold elections for a new leadership in late November. □



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## China parade draws Putin, but few other major world leaders

**C. BODEEN**  
**Associated Press**

**BEIJING (AP)** — Russian leader Vladimir Putin, South Korean President Park Geun-hye and U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon shine at the top of China's guest list at this week's grand commemorations of the 70th anniversary of Japan's defeat in World War II. After them, the wattage gets pretty low. Beijing says the attendance of 30 overseas leaders from countries ranging from Mongolia to Egypt to Venezuela is a sign that China's long-undervalued contributions to that victory in 1945 are finally getting

their proper due. That's clouded, however, by the absence of high-level representatives from major Western democracies whose forces were key in the Allied victory, such as the United States, Britain, France and Australia. Given Beijing's political repression at home and its aggressive moves to assert territorial claims in the region, many countries appear reluctant to associate too closely with an event calculated to elevate the Communist Party and its leader, President Xi Jinping, on the world stage. China on Thursday celebrates what it calls the Vic-



Chinese President Xi Jinping, centre left, accompanies Kazakhstan President Nursultan Nazarbayev, centre, to view an honour guard, during a welcoming ceremony outside the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, China. Nazarbayev will attend the Sept. 3 military parade commemorating the end of World War II.

(Lintao Zhang, Pool Photo via AP)

tory of the Chinese People's Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and World Anti-Fascist War, which marks the day after Japan formally surrendered to the Allies aboard a U.S. naval ship 70 years ago. Four years later, Mao Zedong's Communists overthrew the Nationalists who had led the fight against Japan, and established the People's Republic that endures to this day as a one-party autocratic state. The festivities in Beijing will be centered on a massive military parade featuring more than 12,000 troops, scores of warplanes and more than 500 pieces of hardware including tanks, artillery and intercontinental ballistic missiles. Britain, Germany and Japan are dispatching only retired government leaders, including former British

Prime Minister Tony Blair. The U.S. will be represented only by its ambassador to China, Max Baucus. Just one head of state from a European Union country will attend: Czech President Milos Zeman. "I think one has to understand that there has always been an uneasiness (about) these kinds of military parades," said Hans Dietmar Schweisgut, the EU's top diplomat in Beijing. Also on the guest list; Sudan's President Omar al-Bashir, who is wanted by the International Criminal Court on charges of genocide and war crimes. In June he cut short a visit to South Africa while judges deliberated on whether he should be arrested. China is not a party to the treaty that established the ICC, but it's a permanent member of the Security

Council that referred the situation in Sudan's Darfur region to the court in 2005. "China will accord him the treatment he needs when he is in China," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying told reporters on Tuesday, saying that concerns about his presence were "overwrought." Even Kim Jong Un of North Korea, which counts China as its closest ally, is skipping the event, instead sending the secretary of the ruling Korean Workers Party, Choe Ryong Hae. Kim has not left his own nation since taking power in late 2011. A grab-bag of nations, meanwhile, has dispatched contingents totaling about 1,000 soldiers to march in the parade, among them Cuba, Pakistan, Cambodia, Venezuela and the tiny Pacific island state of Vanuatu. □

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## Wobbly EU economy may get bigger push from central bank

DAVID McHUGH  
AP Business Writer

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — When is a trillion euros not enough? Could be soon, in Europe's shaky economy.

Analysts are already talking about when and how the European Central Bank might extend its 1.1 trillion-euro (\$1.2 trillion) stimulus program that has been running for the past six months in an attempt to boost the modest recovery in the 19 countries that use the euro. They say ECB President Mario Draghi will likely use his news conference Thursday to underline the bank's willingness to increase its efforts, if needed, to push up stubbornly weak inflation or limit any damage from the economic troubles in China.

The stimulus program is slated to run through September 2016, in monthly purchases of 60 billion euros of government and corporate bonds. The effort, called quantitative easing, or QE, pumps newly printed money into the economy. It is aimed at raising a rate of inflation that is so low as to provoke fears about the health of the economy.

Yet the impact of the ECB's program remains unclear. Despite major tail winds from low oil prices, a weak euro and massive central bank stimulus, the eurozone's economic recovery remains tepid.

On the upside, banks are lending a bit more to companies.

But on the negative side:

— Inflation is stuck at a low 0.2 percent, a sign demand is too weak to drive up prices.

— The latest survey of eurozone business and consumer confidence ticked up in August. But it increased in only 11 of the 19 euro countries. In seven of them, it fell, including the biggest, Germany. One country, Ireland, did not report data.

— Unemployment, at 10.9 percent in July, is edging down only slowly. And huge disparities remain between countries — Germany has a record low rate of 4.7 percent while Greece's is around 25 percent.

— Economic growth was a modest 0.3 percent in the second quarter.

Draghi made it clear at the time the stimulus program was announced in January that it could be extended beyond September 2016 if inflation doesn't convincingly head higher. He may stress that willingness again when he speaks after a Thursday meeting of the bank's governing council. Some, however, aren't ruling out more concrete action at the meeting.

Analysts at financial services group Nomura said they expected the ECB to take no new steps. But they added that "the risk of further ECB action has clearly increased." ECB action, now or at coming meetings, could mean an extension of the stimulus program out to March 2017, Nomura analysts Nick Matthews and Norbert Aul wrote. They said the ECB could also make smaller tweaks, such as reviewing technical limits on its bond purchase that would open the way for expanding them. □



Prime Minister Stephen Harper speaks during a campaign stop at a steel manufacturer in Burlington, Ontario, Canada on Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2015. Harper, campaigning for a fourth term, has refused to recognize that Canada is in a recession, despite new data to the contrary.

(Adrian Wyld/The Canadian Press via AP)

## As election looms;

## PM Harper denies Canada in recession

ROB GILLIES  
Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — Canada has fallen into a recession, dragged down by falling energy prices and economic troubles in China. The Canadian economy retreated at an annual pace of 0.5 percent from April through June after sliding 0.8 percent the first three months of the year, Statistics Canada reported Tuesday. Two consecutive negative quarters are the technical definition of a recession.

Canada is the world's 11th-biggest economy and the United States' biggest trading partner. The Canadian economy suffered far less damage from the financial crisis and Great Recession than its southern neighbor. The economic news could spell trouble for Prime Minister Stephen Harper, whose Conservative Party already faced an uphill battle ahead of the Oct. 19. Election. Analysts call the three-way race a toss-up.

Harper, campaigning for a fourth term on a record of economic growth, refused Tuesday to recognize that Canada is in a recession. But the data shows that business investment and commercial construction fell sharply in Canada, reflecting cutbacks by energy companies responding to lower oil prices.

Economists, however, expressed confidence the Canadian economy will rebound. Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics, said the Canadian slowdown can be at least partially traced to the problems in China and said the weakness is largely confined to energy sector: "The rest of the Canadian economy is doing OK."

Moreover, the economy grew at 0.5 percent pace in June, first monthly gain in six months. "The economy is contracting through the first half of the year, but the solid gain in June suggests that we'll at least get a breather with a return to

growth in the third quarter," said CIBC chief economist Avery Shenfeld.

Harper said the economy was bouncing back after a brief bump. He pointed to 0.5 percent growth in June. "I think it's more important to describe the reality of the situation rather than to have labels," Harper said. Harper called Canada an "island of stability" amid rough financial waters. The country avoided the worst of the 2008 global financial crash and fared better than most nations. Unlike the U.S., it avoided a real estate market implosion or credit crisis.

That was before oil prices plunged, dragging down Canada's economy. Now Harper's bid to become the first Canadian leader to win four consecutive terms in over a century is far from assured. Harper reminded Canadians of their recent prosperity Tuesday. The Conservatives have run small deficits and are promising balanced budgets. □



## CARIBBEAN News Briefs

### Bahamas unveils National park to protect its birds

**NASSAU, Bahamas (AP)** — The Bahamas has unveiled a new national park to help protect the winter homes of endangered Atlantic Coast shorebirds. The Joulter Cays National Park covers nearly 114,000 acres (46,140 hectares) of uninhabited islands and sand flats northwest of Nassau. The designation will prohibit sand mining and recreational and commercial uses of that area. The National Audubon Society said Tuesday it worked on the park's proposal along with the Bahamas National Trust. The Joulter Cays are a popular winter destination for 13 bird species including piping plovers and red knots. More than 50 percent of bird species in the Bahamas migrate from the U.S. and Canada. The national park is one of several new ones created as the Bahamas aims to protect 6.18 million acres of land. □

### Dominica seeking more aid to help after huge storm

**ROSEAU, Dominica (AP)** — International aid has begun pouring into Dominica following the devastating passage of Tropical Storm Erika, but government officials are warning that more will be needed for the eastern Caribbean island to recover from the disaster. The government has sent out requests for aid to "every single leader in this world," Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerit said in a nationally broadcast speech late Monday. The country has already received emergency assistance from neighboring islands and other countries in the region and had received offers of additional assistance from the United States and elsewhere. A British naval ship carrying aid and a Dutch vessel were expected to arrive this week. □

## Charges filed against ex-head of Brazil nuclear power firm

**SAO PAULO (AP)** — Brazil's federal prosecutor's office filed formal corruption charges on Tuesday against the former head of Eletronuclear, the state-owned company that operates Brazil's two nuclear power plants, for his suspected role in a bribery scandal. The prosecutor's office said in a statement that it charged Othon Luiz Pin-

heiro da Silva with money laundering and corruption for allegedly taking 4.5 million reais (\$1.22 million) in bribes from construction companies for contracts involving the construction of the Angra 3 nuclear plant in Rio de Janeiro. Prosecutors also charged 14 others in the case, including Flavio David Barra, the top energy execu-

tive at construction firm Andrade Gutierrez and da Silva's daughter Ana Cristina Toniolo. Da Silva, his daughter and Barra have denied any wrongdoing. Calls to Eletronuclear for comment went unanswered. Da Silva was taken into custody in late July and one week later stepped down as Eletronuclear's

chief executive officer. During Brazil's military regime from 1964-1985, the retired navy admiral and nuclear engineer headed Brazil's secret program to master the technology needed to transform uranium into fuel to generate electric power in nuclear plants. Da Silva also oversaw the ongoing project to build a nuclear powered submarine. □

## Mexican president's state-of-the-nation beset by doubts

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** — Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto was delivering his written state-of-the-nation report Tuesday in an atmosphere of rising violence, a falling currency and a slowing economy. The unenviable circumstances are far different from what he faced during his last report on Sept. 2, 2014, just after he had won passage of a series of energy, education and telecom reforms, a success he said would put Mexico on the path to greater growth. At the time, Pena Nieto was delivering on his main pledge, which was to reduce Mexico's drug-war-era violence. But progress there seems to have stalled. Homicides in the first seven months of 2015 were running about 3 percent above figures for the same period last year.



**Mexico's President Enrique Pena Nieto speaks in Mexico City. Pena Nieto is set to deliver his third state-of-the-nation address on Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2015, amid rising violence, a falling currency and a slowing economy.**

(AP Photo/Rebecca Blackwell)

Other numbers are depressing as well. The Mexican peso has fallen 29 percent against the U.S. dollar over the last year. Pena Nieto's own approval ratings have fallen as well, from 55 percent in August 2014 to about 35 percent

one year later, according to a Buendia&Laredo poll published Tuesday. It had a margin of error of 3.5 percentage points. And the administration suffered a major embarrassment on July 11, with the escape of Mexico's

top drug lord, Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, through a tunnel from Mexico's highest-security prison. Pena Nieto announced changes in his cabinet last week in an apparent attempt to change direction. But tough international market conditions may limit his maneuvering room, and officials have lowered this year's expectation for economic growth. "This is the year that he has the least to show for," said Jose Antonio Crespo, a political analyst and professor at Mexico's Center for Economic Research and Teaching. "He hasn't had any achievements, just difficulties" this year, Crespo said. If Pena Nieto tries to strike an upbeat tone Wednesday in his speech marking the written report, Crespo said, "nobody will believe any of it." □

## Guatemala lawmakers escorted to Congress amid crisis

**SONIA PEREZ D. ALBERTO ARCE Associated Press GUATEMALA CITY (AP)** — Guatemalan civilians backing the ouster of President Otto Perez Molina formed a wall of bodies to let lawmakers into Congress on Tuesday, protecting them from presidential loyalists trying to prevent a vote on withdrawing the leader's immunity from prosecution in a corruption scandal. Dozens of Perez Molina backers had blocked access to the capitol since the morning in a bid to delay the proceedings, which are similar to impeachment and could lead to criminal charges.

Interior Department Vice Minister Elmer Sosa also arrived with riot police to "guarantee the safety of protesters and Congress," and lawmakers were finally able to go inside. "It was impressive that the people themselves came and created a human chain and a path so we could enter," said opposition legislator Leonel Lira. A commission of lawmakers already has recommended that Perez Molina's immunity of office be withdrawn, and now the issue is before the full Congress. A vote of 105 of the 158 representatives is required to approve the measure. The president says he is not

guilty of any wrongdoing and has refused mounting calls for his resignation by protesters, business groups and government officials. The customs graft scandal has already claimed the job of his former Vice President Roxana Baldetti, who is in jail awaiting trial on accusations she accepted millions in bribes in return for letting others avoid import duties. A number of Cabinet officials have also left office. Edgar Pereira, a member of a civic group called the Social Humanist Movement, was on the front line of people protecting the lawmakers. "The people have to come

to Congress to guarantee that the session takes place," Pereira said. "We cannot allow maneuvering and manipulation by the president to keep it from meeting." Perez Molina has repeatedly said he is willing to face the process against him. Government agents have had to step in on several occasions to keep backers and critics of the president away from each other. "The Congress needs to meet to tackle the most important matters for the country," the U.S. Embassy in Guatemala said via Twitter. "We hope that Congress meets today as scheduled." □





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## DJ Afrojack Headlining Friday Night at the Electric Festival!

**ORANJESTAD** - World-renowned artist DJ Afrojack will be headlining Friday night, September 4, 2015, on the Main Stage at the Electric Festival on Aruba. Grammy award winning DJ and producer, Afrojack, of The Netherlands, is one of the most influential names in electronic dance music today.

At only 27, he has played a large role in the worldwide explosion and popularity of dance music with The Hollywood Reporter calling him "a global icon" set "to conquer the world" and in 2014 Forbes placing him at #6 on its annual list of 'The World's Highest Paid DJs.' A talented producer and artist Afrojack is versatile and creative with his sound whether creating club hits or producing and remixing for the likes of Beyoncé, Pitbull or Madonna. Afrojack is adept at shifting between genres and playing with his sound and it's



easy to see why his skills are some of the most sought after in the world. Starting off in his hometown of Spijkenisse, Nick van de Wall aka Afrojack, quickly made a name for himself with a slew of hard-hitting underground releases, before exploding on the music scene in 2011 with the release of 'Take Over Control' – an instant worldwide club and chart hit the sin-

gle reached platinum status in the U.S. Afrojack then went onto develop his own imprint in the production world with his label 'Wall Recordings' – a platform by which other passionate EDM artists could grow. He also wanted his label to retain the 'club music' brand, something he strives for with every Afrojack release. 2011 also saw Afrojack sign a landmark deal

to become one of the first ever DJ's to sign an annual residency in Las Vegas, at the legendary Wynn Hotel. The residency saw Afrojack perform over a dozen times a year at Wynn clubs including Encore Beach Club, Surrender, Tryst and XS.

From there the success continued; as well as making club hits and collaborating with the likes of David Guetta (co-writing and producing the world-wide smash 'Titanium'), he also began to team up with and write for A-list pop artists around the world, including Madonna and Chris Brown. In 2011, he co-wrote and produced 'Give Me Everything' for Pitbull and Ne-Yo, which to this day has sold more than 5 million copies worldwide.

Not to mention his production work for Beyoncé's 'Run the World (Girls),' his Grammy nominated remix

for Leona Lewis' 'Collide' and his 2011 underground track 'Rock the House,' which topped the Beatport dance music charts after just three days. The same year he headlined both EDC (Electric Daisy Carnival) NY & Las Vegas to over 300,000 people, as well as UMF (Ultra Music Festival) in Miami, Tomorrowland (in Belgium) and Coachella (LA) in addition a colossal 40 city 'Jacked' tour of the United States, all packed into 2012.

Last year got off to a monumental start when Afrojack signed an exclusive worldwide deal with Def Jam Recordings (formerly known as Island Def Jam) and Universal Music Group. The deal saw Afrojack's talent be recognized and supported by the renowned music label.

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## Afrojack

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The first project from the partnership was 'The Spark', a single that fused EDM and pop and showed a new sound for Afrojack as an artist. For his fourth consecutive year he returned to headline Creamfields and at the Ultra Music Festival and TomorrowWorld, where he debuted his own 'Jacked' stage showcasing his Wall artists. He also found time to shoot a documentary web-series, 'March of the Afrojack', which gave fans an insight into the real person behind the Afrojack moniker. The series was released on the Rolling Stone website and saw him share many intimate moments and thoughts from his journey on the road along with his personal mantra "If I can do it, you can do it too."

In late 2013 Afrojack made history as he became the first DJ to ring the closing bell at NASDAQ Stock Market Exchange in New York, as electronic dance com-

pany, SFX, went public. This also came in the same week as Afrojack cemented his hands into the Hollywood Walk of Fame, the second DJ to ever do this and in doing so reinforced his position as a global mu-



sic icon.

2014 is proving to be yet another milestone year for Afrojack; after headlining Ultra Music Festival in Miami and hosting an intimate album listening party, the world-renowned producer and DJ released his debut album 'Forget The World' on Def Jam Recordings on May 19th.

The album, which features collaborations with legendary artists including Sting, Snoop Dogg, Jared Leto, Wrabel and Matthew Koma, immediately skyrocketed to the #1 spot on the iTunes Dance Chart. He

has also kicked off a new DJ residency at Las Vegas hotspot Hakkasan, where fans can frequently catch his unique self-designed stage experience.

Given Afrojack's immense popularity and influence on the music industry it is no surprise that many corporate brands have flocked to him for brand partner-

ships. Afrojack recently announced a partnership with globally celebrated fashion label 'G-Star Raw' for his own line of Afrojack inspired designs sold worldwide. He recently released his second capsule collection with the brand, after his first collection sold out in only 48 hours.

He was also sought out by leading gaming company, Razer, to be a brand consultant on the development of its future products. Further, Nick's single, 'Ten Feet Tall', premiered as a part of Bud Light's newest commercial during the 2014 Superbowl. He continues to collaborate with some of the world's most legendary music artists, including his most recent appearance on Good Morning America with world renowned music artist Sting.

In August 2014, Forbes awarded Afrojack the #6 spot on its list of the world's highest paid DJs, followed by placement on their distinguished '30 Under 30' list. Afrojack's continued success and popularity led him to headline the first ever Forbes Under 30 Sum-

mit, which brings together business leaders and mentors also on Forbes '30 Under 30' list. Forbes continued the recognition once more, when they asked him to be on the cover of their "Forbes Life" magazine.

Afrojack will take things to another level and to a bigger venue: the Ziggo Dome in Amsterdam.

This ADE 2014 performance will be his biggest show to date, and exhibits the barriers he continues to breach. All of his past and future ventures continue to be highly regarded across the globe, including two MTV EMA nominations for Best Electronic and Best World Stage 2014.

Recently, his home country The Netherlands honored the DJ with a stamp in his likeness alongside other Dutch DJs.

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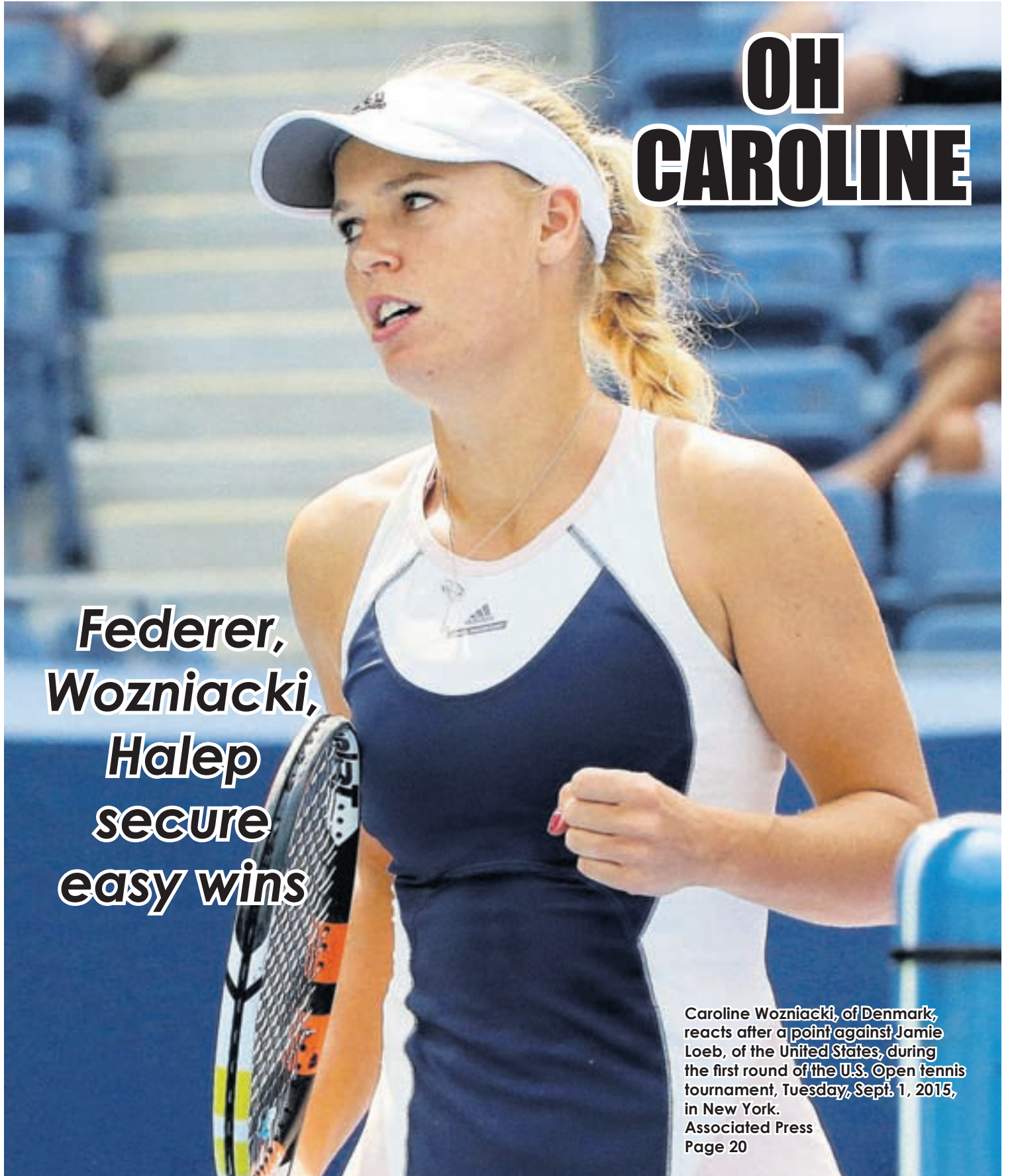
Jordan Spieth hits a tee shot on the 12th hole during the first round of play at The Barclays golf tournament Thursday, Aug. 27, 2015, in Edison, N.J.  
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### Playoff events for top players are practice until East Lake

DOUG FERGUSON  
AP Golf Writer

**NORTON, Mass. (AP)** — Jordan Spieth has missed three cuts on the PGA Tour this year, and The Barclays rated the most irritating for one reason. It was Spieth's first tournament as No. 1 in the world, and now he's No. 2. There was no reason to be bothered about that because the ranking could change next week, and the race for No. 1 could last for the rest of the year. Maybe even longer. No one likes missing cuts. But for Spieth, there are 10 million reasons why The Barclays was as good a time as any to have a weekend off, none related to the trip he made to Baltusrol ahead of next year's PGA Championship.

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## OH CAROLINE

**Federer, Wozniacki, Halep secure easy wins**

Caroline Wozniacki, of Denmark, reacts after a point against Jamie Loeb, of the United States, during the first round of the U.S. Open tennis tournament, Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2015, in New York.  
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## No. 2 Halep, No. 4 Wozniacki avoid upset bug at U.S. Open

**RACHEL COHEN**  
**AP Sports Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Caroline Wozniacki crashed John Isner's post-match news conference, needling her good friend for arriving late to his interview session and delaying the start of hers. The fourth-seeded Wozniacki was in quite a hurry Tuesday, when she needed just 67 minutes to win at the U.S. Open against an opponent making her Grand Slam debut. Those sorts of lopsided victories have been rare among the top women so far in the first round.

Of the first 25 seeded players to take the court, nine lost. Half of the top 10 women are already out, counting third-seeded Maria Sharapova's withdraw-



**Roger Federer, of Switzerland, returns to Leonardo Mayer, of Argentina, during the first round of the U.S. Open tennis tournament, Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2015, in New York.**

**Associated Press**

al because of injury. This comes in a year when the main spectacle is whether Serena Williams can complete the first

Grand Slam since Steffi Graf in 1988. Less than two days into the tournament, fewer and fewer top rivals stand in her way.

Even with Wozniacki in the audience, Isner stated the obvious about the women's field.

"Caroline's got as good a shot as anyone. Obviously Serena is the favorite," the 13th-seeded American said after his own straight-set win.

Sixth-seeded Lucie Safarova, who pushed Williams to three sets in the French Open final, was upset by 37th-ranked Lesia Tsurenko earlier Tuesday. She said after losing 6-4, 6-1 that she was bothered by a strained abdominal muscle on her right side that she hurt in losing the New Haven final Saturday.

Like Wozniacki, second-seeded Simona Halep had no trouble, moving on in 47 minutes on a hot, humid day when Marina Erakovic retired in the second set. Halep was leading 6-2, 3-0. Wozniacki, last year's U.S. Open runner-up to Williams, beat NCAA champion Jamie Loeb 6-2, 6-0. The 20-year-old Loeb earned a wild card into the draw by winning the college title as a sophomore at North Carolina.

Just four seeded women lost in the first round last year. Since the tournament started seeding 32 players in 2000, the largest number of women's seeds to fall in the opening round was 10 in 2012.

On the men's side, second-seeded Roger Federer routed Leonardo Mayer of Argentina 6-1, 6-2, 6-2 in a brisk 77 minutes. The 34th-ranked Mayer had given the 17-time Grand

Slam champion trouble in their only previous meeting, when Federer saved five match points to win in three sets in Shanghai last year.

"I actually wasn't so confident yesterday and today," he said. "I just felt like maybe could be one of those matches I just couldn't see it coming. So thankfully I took this match extremely serious. I thought at times almost I was taking it a bit too serious. I got that lucky in Shanghai, so that's why it was just creeping around in my mind that maybe today was going to be a bad day."

American Donald Young rallied from down two sets and a break to stun 11th-seeded Gilles Simon. The 68th-ranked Young won 2-6, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 in 3 hours, 34 minutes with a packed Court 17 urging him on.

The 26-year-old Young's career has been one of extremes, a one-time teen prodigy who has stumbled through some long losing streaks as a pro. He reached his second ATP final at Delray Beach in February, dropped nine straight tour-level matches from March through August, and then upset sixth-ranked Tomas Berdych in Montreal this month.

Young had never before come back to win after losing the first two sets.

Simon had been 5-0 against Young. The Frenchman lost in the opening round for the first time in nine appearances at Flushing Meadows. □

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## PLAYOFF

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Because even if he were to miss the cut this week at the TPC Boston, not much will change.

Listening to the top players last week made it clear that only one tournament — The Tour Championship — really matters if they want to win the FedEx Cup and its \$10 million bonus. The rest of the playoff events might as well be lucrative practice rounds.

Yes, that's a stretch.

But it also might become a problem at some point for the PGA Tour.

Spieth, much like Rory McIlroy last year and Tiger Woods on three occasions, has had such a dominant season that he was assured being among the top five players in the FedEx Cup finale who had only to win at East Lake to take home golf's richest payoff. It doesn't change if he misses the cut at The Barclays and Deutsche Bank Championship and plays poorly in the BMW Championship. That's the reward of a great season. It also doesn't change if he were to have won all three playoff events going into Atlanta. Would his odds have been that much greater?

There is no indication Spieth and other stars will be sitting out events, though it's worth listening to their comments going into the FedEx Cup playoffs.

"After the major season is over, which is where we wanted to peak, we've sat back over the last week and said, 'How can we get that same momentum to where we can try and peak for the Tour Championship?'" Spieth said when he arrived at Plainfield Country Club.

Bubba Watson, who remained at No. 3 in the

FedEx Cup with his third-place finish at The Barclays, reached the same conclusion.

"It's Atlanta that we're all worried about," Watson said after taking the 36-hole lead at Plainfield Country Club. Woods (2007) and Jim Furyk (2010) are the only players to miss the opening playoff event and still win the FedEx Cup — Woods by choice, Furyk because he was disqualified for oversleeping and missing his pro-am.

McIlroy skipped The Barclays this year because he wanted an extra week to make sure his left ankle was fully recovered. He dropped six spots to No. 15, meaning he will need a couple of strong finishes to get into the top five at East Lake. McIlroy felt the sting of the FedEx Cup last year. The dominant player in golf, he had a pair of top 10s leading to Atlanta, finished second in the Tour Championship and lost out to a guy (Billy Horschel) who started at No. 69 and got hot at the right moment.

Horschel has only two top 10s on the PGA Tour since. It's not part of Spieth's makeup to sit out. The 22-year-old Texan is playing about 27 tournaments around the world each year. Will he change as he gets older?

The PGA Tour is in a tough spot trying to balance a postseason that is compelling to the very end and a system that rewards the best player.

If it's a yearlong race, there will be times (such as Woods in 2007 or 2009) when the FedEx Cup in effect is over before the Tour Championship.

To guarantee the FedEx Cup finale is meaningful, the tour resets the points going into the Tour Championship to give everyone a chance. Furyk was No.

11 when he won in 2010. A year later, Bill Haas was No. 25 when he won the Tour Championship — his only victory that year — and the \$10 million bonus.

Two solutions should be considered down the road. Keep it a yearlong race and gradually increase the value of points in each playoff event, ramping it up even more for the Tour Championship. More players might have a chance, though it doesn't as easily punish greatness. □



Jason Day, of Australia, celebrates on the 18th green after winning The Barclays golf tournament Sunday, Aug. 30, 2015, in Edison, N.J. Day finished 19 under with a 261 total.

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# Dodgers beat Giants 5-4 in 14 innings on Gonzalez's single

**The Associated Press**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Adrian Gonzalez singled in the winning run with the bases loaded in the 14th inning, lifting the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 5-4 victory over the San Francisco Giants on Monday night in the opener of a series between the NL West's top two teams.

The first-place Dodgers' lead increased to 4 ½ games over their second-place rivals after the longest game by innings for both teams this season.

Giants reliever Mike Broadway (0-1) started his first inning of relief by walking A.J. Ellis and then gave up consecutive singles to Jimmy Rollins and Chase Utley to load the bases. Giants reliever Yusmeiro Petit came on and Gonzalez hit his first pitch to deep left field, ending the 5-hour, 29-minute game. Chris Hatcher (2-5) pitched three innings for the win. The Dodgers won for just the fourth time in 13 games against the Giants this season, a day after getting no-hit by Jake Arrieta of the Chicago



Los Angeles Dodgers' Adrian Gonzalez celebrates after scoring the game winning run on a single against the San Francisco Giants during the 14th inning of a baseball game in Los Angeles, Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2015.

Cubs, the second time it happened in 10 days.

Marlon Byrd of the Giants tied the game 4-all in the eighth with an RBI-double in the right-field corner off Juan Nicasio. The Giants have lost six of their last nine.

## MARLINS 4, BRAVES 0

ATLANTA (AP) — Martin Prado and Justin Bour each had an RBI double in the eighth inning and Miami extended Shelby Miller's winless streak to 19 starts with a victory over Atlanta. Miller, an All-Star with a

sparkling 2.56 ERA, began the night with the worst support in the majors, and the Braves, losers in six straight and 13 of 14, stayed true to form.

Beginning the night with the worst average (.227) in the NL with runners in scoring position since the All-Star break, Atlanta has scored two runs or less in 20 of Miller's 27 starts.

Miller (5-12) gave up six hits and struck out seven in seven innings.

After getting blown out by an aggregate 38-11 score in a three-game series sweep by the New York Yankees, the Braves' offense was no match for journeyman Chris Narveson (2-1), a journeyman making his second start since 2012.

## METS 3, PHILLIES 1

NEW YORK (AP) — Bartolo Colon breezed through eight snappy innings and New York got homers from Curtis Granderson and Michael Conforto, extending its dominant run against Philadelphia.

After throwing seven shut-out innings last Wednesday at Philadelphia during New York's four-game sweep, the 42-year-old Colon (12-11) was one better this time. He struck out nine, walked one and yielded four harmless sin-

gles, pushing his scoreless streak to 16 innings. The beefy right-hander tossed an inning Saturday against Boston on his regular throw day to spare a tired bullpen, his first relief appearance since April 2011 with the Yankees. And he even helped himself at the plate Monday, hitting a two-out single in front of Granderson's 23rd homer. New York improved to 13-1 against the last-place Phillies this season (7-0 at home) with its 10th consecutive win over its division rival. The NL East leaders have won 24 of 29 versus Philadelphia.

## PADRES 7, RANGERS 0

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Tyson Ross held Texas to three hits in seven innings and hit an RBI single, and San Diego handed Texas just its third loss in 10 games.

The Rangers dropped four games behind first-place Houston in the AL West and remained in the second AL wild-card spot. The dominating performance by Ross (10-9) allowed him to reach double digits in victories for the second straight season. He struck out seven and walked two in his second victory over Texas this season, the other one coming on July 12. It was his fourth win in five decisions. With two runs already in during the sixth, the Rangers intentionally walked rookie catcher Austin Hedges to get to Ross, who was batting eighth. Ross hit a sharp single to center to bring in Cory Spangenberg, aboard on an RBI double, and chase Lewis. Jedd Gyorko hit a sacrifice fly and Yangervis Solarte added an RBI single that inning.

## REDS 13, CUBS 6

CHICAGO (AP) — Eugenio Suarez and Adam Duvall hit two-run homers in a four-run sixth inning and Cincinnati took advantage of two late Chicago errors.

Duvall, who was called up from Triple-A earlier Monday, snapped a 5-5 tie with his pinch-hit homer off Cubs reliever Justin Grimm (2-4), who surrendered all four runs in one-third of an inning. □

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# Mark Canha hits 3-run HR as Athletics beat Angels 11-5

The Associated Press

**OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)** — Mark Canha hit a three-run homer and Jake Smolinski's three-run double highlighted a decisive third inning for Oakland on another quirky night at the Coliseum when part of the outfield wall fell down and delayed the game.

Danny Valencia added a two-run double in the third and another RBI double in the fifth to back Felix Doubront (2-1) in his first win for Oakland.

A piece of the outfield wall came loose after Los Angeles left fielder Shane Victorino crashed into it trying to chase down Valencia's double in the fifth, causing a 10-minute delay as players briefly returned to their dugouts.

Erick Aybar hit an RBI single and a sacrifice fly in his first two plate appearances for the Angels, while Albert Pujols singled in a run.

Angels starter Hector Santiago (7-9) went 2 2-3 innings as the A's earned their first three-game winning streak since Aug. 7-9, against Houston.

Doubront allowed four runs and seven hits in six-plus innings in his first win since July 7.

### RED SOX 4, YANKEES 3

**BOSTON (AP)** — David Ortiz hit his 495th home run and Jackie Bradley Jr. had three hits and threw out a runner at the plate to lift Boston.

Mookie Betts hit a two-run homer for the Red Sox. It was their ninth win in 13 games.

Didi Gregorius had four singles for New York, which had scored 20 runs on Sunday to complete a three-game sweep over Atlanta. He flied out to the warning track with the bases loaded and two outs in the top of the ninth.

The Yankees remained 1 1/2 games behind AL East-leading Toronto, which lost 4-2 to Cleveland on Monday.

### ASTROS 8, MARINERS 3

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Dallas Keuchel allowed one run and struck out eight in seven innings to become the American League's first 16-game winner and lead Houston to a win over Seattle.

Rookie Carlos Correa, who returned after missing four games with a hamstring injury, hit a two-run homer and Jed Lowrie and Hank Conger added solo shots to help the AL West-leading Astros to the victory.

Keuchel (16-6), who gave up six hits, improved to 12-0 at home this season and has won 13 straight in Houston dating back to last year to tie a franchise record set by Danny Darwin in 1989-90. Lowrie and Conger homered in the fourth to put Houston up 3-1, before Correa's shot broke it open in the fifth.

Vidal Nuno (0-3) yielded seven hits, five runs and tied a career-high with three homers, in six innings.

### RAYS 6, ORIOLES 3

**BALTIMORE (AP)** — Chris Archer pitched six shutout innings, and Tampa Bay hit three home runs in a victory over fading Baltimore.

Asdrubal Cabrera and Evan Longoria connected off Wei-Yin Chen (8-7), and

Tim Beckham added a solo shot against Brad Brach. Logan Forsythe had three hits for the Rays, coming within a home run of the cycle.

Archer (12-10) gave up four hits, walked three and struck out six to earn his first win against Baltimore in seven starts since June 7, 2013. The right-hander finished the month with 50 strikeouts, tying the club record for August held by Scott Kazmir (2007).

Archer left after throwing 113 pitches and with Tampa Bay ahead 6-0.

Brad Boxberger, the third Rays reliever, worked the ninth for his 33rd save.

The defeat was the 11th in 12 games for the Orioles.

### INDIANS 4, BLUE JAYS 2

**TORONTO (AP)** — Jerry Sands singled home the go-ahead run in the seventh inning, Danny Salazar struck out 10 and Cleveland won its sixth straight game, beating Toronto.

Salazar (12-7) allowed two runs and six hits in seven innings. He reached double digits in strikeouts for the fifth time this season and the first time since fanning 10 against Baltimore on June 6.



Boston Red Sox designated hitter David Ortiz, right, hugs Hanley Ramirez as he is welcomed to the dug out after hitting a home run in the fourth inning of a baseball game against the New York Yankees, Monday, Aug. 31, 2015, at Fenway Park in Boston. The Red Sox won 4-3.

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By: Dr Carlos Viana

A famous French connoisseur of good food and drink, Jean Anthelme Brillat-Savarin in 1825 said, "Tell me what you eat and I will tell you what you are". In the 1920s and 30s, the nutritionist Victor Lindlahr, who believed that food controls health, developed the Catabolic Diet. Victor said, "Ninety per cent of the diseases known to man are caused by cheap foodstuffs. You are what you eat." However, most people attribute the phrase "You are what you eat" to Adelle Davis, a leading spokesperson for the organic food movement.

Adelle Davis, was an North American author and a pioneer of nutrition during the mid-20th century. She advocated whole unprocessed foods, criticized food additives, and claimed that dietary supplements and other nutrients play a dominant role in maintaining health, preventing disease, and restoring health after the onset of disease. Interestingly, our Aruban diet 50 years ago was made up of whole unprocessed foods that did not contain food additives. Unfortunately, modern families worldwide today have been seduced by the convenience and apparent low cost of junk food.

Another nutritional hero of mine, Dr. Weston A. Price, a Cleveland dentist, searching for the causes of dental decay and physical degeneration he observed daily in his dental practice, turned from test tubes and microscopes to study "people with fine teeth". In the 1930's he traveled worldwide. Dr. Price found that beautiful, straight teeth, freedom from decay, athletic bodies, and resistance to disease, and fine characters were typical of people still eating their traditional diets.

Dr Price took thousands of pictures showing children, smiling to show their healthy teeth. When he examined children of parents who had adopted the "modern" diets of devitalized processed foods, he found a disturbing contrast. Children whose parents ate processed foods had more narrow faces, crowded teeth and dental arches, both which were more susceptible to dental decay, and Dr Price found these children to have a reduced immunity to disease.

The impact of your food choices not only affects your physical body, but chemical imbalances can affect the brain, causing depression, anxiety, and other problems. When wrong food, food additives, chemicals and lifestyle put a strain on organs, the spirit can also be affected. How can you have passion when you are exhausted or sick?

The North American Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that they are seeing

people in the States with diabetes living longer, yet as our modern diets have changed, diabetes has grown to an epidemic. Diabetes and pre-diabetes (insulin resistance) is a costly medical problem. People diagnosed with diabetes have medical expenditures that are about 2.3 times higher than medical expenses for people without diabetes. Diabetes is preventable when doctors are trained how to identify insulin resistance before it becomes Type II diabetes and patients are educated and willing to change.

Food, herb, drug, and chemical intolerance can also have profound impact on your health. Your immune system is a network of organs, glands and tissues that protect your body from foreign substances, such as bacteria, viruses and cancer risk. Besides lowering your immune system, food and chemical intolerance makes weight loss impossible. We always begin our relationship with a patient by recommending a metabolic or blood type diet and supplements to offset modern, devitalized foods.

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The wrong food choices also have an impact on what should be a natural process, growing older. Traditional Chinese Medicine doctors are looking at their maturing patients to see if they are aging "Gracefully". Gracefully aging individuals still possess an inquisitive mind and are full of flexible energy. Even after working all day, my partner, Phyllis and I look forward to an afternoon swimming or dancing the salsa in the evening.

With the wrong food choices, many people are experiencing accelerated aging that can be identified through medical tests. Older patients often complain of exhaustion, stiffness, and dizziness. Looking at their arms and legs I can see the signs of muscle loss that will quickly develop into bone loss.

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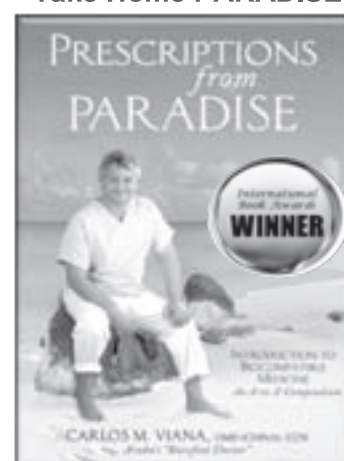
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## Tech Tips: Windows 10 privacy settings worth checking

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AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Microsoft's new Windows 10 system offers more personalization than before, but it also collects more data than people might be used to on PCs, from contacts and appointments to their physical location and even Wi-Fi passwords.

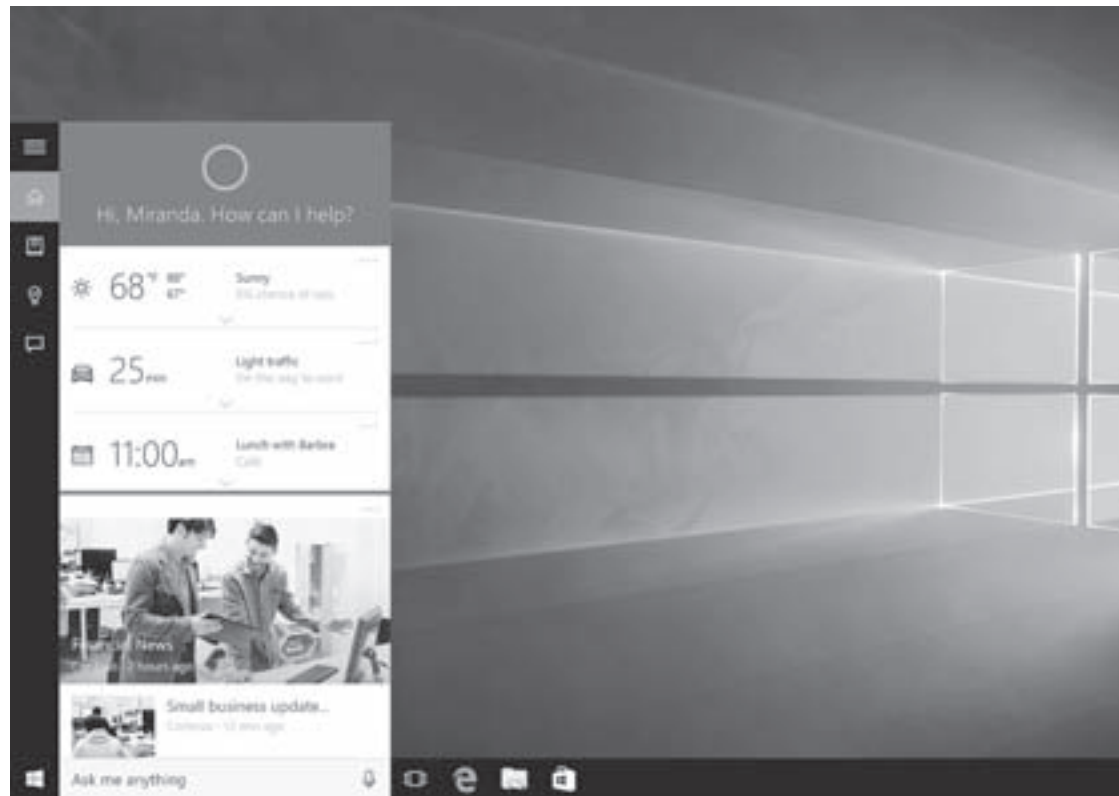
The information is used by Cortana, Microsoft's voice-activated digital assistant, and other new features that try to be helpful by remembering a user's likes and habits. Apple and Google have developed similar services for smartphones in recent years. Microsoft's new features are a big part of its strategy to make Windows more relevant in a world where people use multiple devices throughout the day.

Most of these features get turned on when you set up Windows 10 with the "Get going fast" option. But you can take back control and disable features in the settings. Here are some examples:

### WI-FI WORRIES

A feature called Wi-Fi Sense promises to make it easy for users and their friends to connect with new Wi-Fi networks. It lets Windows 10 computers log in automatically to known networks, so your friends don't have to ask for the password when they visit.

Despite some initial reports, Wi-Fi Sense doesn't hand over your password to all your friends. Instead it stores your password online in an encrypted form. It then provides that encrypted code to your friend's Windows 10 device so it can automatically log into your network. Your friends never actually see the password,



This screen shot provided by Microsoft shows Cortana, Microsoft's voice-activated digital assistant, left, in Windows 10.

and Microsoft says your friends won't get access to other computers or files on the network.

Even so, critics say the feature shares too freely, as you can't choose which friends to share with — only with your full list of friends or contacts on Facebook, Outlook.com or Skype. To disable this, open the "Settings" menu in Windows 10, select "Network & Internet" and click on "Manage Wi-Fi Settings." You can uncheck groups you don't want to share with. You can also choose not to share access to a particular network when you log in for the first time; just uncheck the box next to "Share network with my contacts."

But if you let friends manually log into your network by giving them your password, be aware they might be able to share the password via Wi-Fi Sense with their friends. You can ask them not to, or completely block

Wi-Fi Sense by changing your Wi-Fi network's name to include the underscore followed by these characters: optout.

### CORTANA KNOWS YOU

Many people are used to voice-activated services like Apple's Siri or "OK Google" on smartphones and tablets. Windows 10 brings Microsoft's digital assistant, Cortana, to desktops and laptops. Cortana can answer questions, remind you of appointments and even recommend nearby restaurants. But to do that, Cortana uploads and saves information about your Web browsing, search queries and location, as well as some details from your messages, contacts and calendar.

Microsoft says it doesn't use the Cortana personalization to target ads. Nor will it use your emails, chats or personal files for advertising. But it does tai-

lor ads to websites visited with its Edge browser and queries made on its Bing search engine, including queries through Cortana. (Google's browser and search engine do this, too.) You can review what Cortana knows about you: Click on the search field in the lower left of your screen, then click the "Notebook" icon and select "About Me" to edit or delete individual items. If you want to turn Cortana off, open "Notebook," click on "Settings" and toggle Cortana to "Off." That clears information stored on the device, but not the data uploaded to Microsoft's servers. To get to that, open "Notebook," choose "Settings" and click "Manage what Cortana knows about me in the cloud."

### MORE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Anyone concerned about privacy should take a run through the "Privacy" sec-

tion of the Windows 10 "Settings" menu. This is different from the "Settings" menu for Cortana. You find it by clicking on the Windows icon in the lower left of your screen.

Windows 10 assigns each user on each device a unique "advertising ID," which lets app developers track how each person uses the device and apps. If that bothers you, you'll find the button to turn it off by going to "Settings" and opening the "Privacy" section. You might have to hit the back arrow at the top left if you're already in another section. Click on "General" in the left-hand column to turn off advertising ID. You might still get ads, but they won't be tailored to you.

Similarly, open "Privacy" and click on "Location" to turn off location-tracking or clear the history of where you've traveled with your laptop, tablet or Windows phone. Another heading under "Privacy" has the innocuous title of "Other devices." That's where you can turn off the ability to "Sync with devices." That feature lets apps on your device share information with things like store-tracking beacons, which send you ads as you walk nearby. If that sounds creepy, turn it off. Some critics complain that Microsoft hasn't been more up front about all the ways Windows 10 collects user information. But you can find most of them by scrolling through the nooks and crannies of the "Settings" menu. That's a good thing to do with any new software program or Internet service. It's also good to go back there from time to time to make sure the settings match your comfort level. □

Associated Press



## Wall Street plunges on weak Chinese data

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Stocks plunged again Tuesday, continuing a rocky ride for Wall Street, after an economic report out of China rekindled fears that the world's second-largest economy is slowing more than previously anticipated.

peaceful markets are a distant memory as Chinese data and shares sparked another severe ... reaction from the developed world," said John Briggs, head of fixed income strategy at RBS.

In the end, the Dow lost 469.68 points, or 2.8 percent, to 16,058.35. The S&P 500 fell 58.33 points, or 3

economy was not doing as well as previously reported. Investors moved into traditional havens like bonds and gold Tuesday. Bond prices rose, pushing the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note down to 2.16 percent from 2.22 percent on Monday. Gold rose \$7.30, or 0.6 percent, to settle at \$1,139.80 an ounce.



**Chairman of the National Assembly of Vietnam Nguyen Sinh Hung, center, joins applause as he watches the ringing of the opening bell during his visit to the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2015. Stocks plunged again Tuesday, continuing a rocky ride for Wall Street.**

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

The sell-off adds to what has been a difficult few weeks for U.S. and international markets. U.S. stocks just closed out their worst month in more than three years. Tuesday's drop also dashed hopes that, after some relatively calm trading Friday and Monday, the stock market's wild swings were coming to an end.

"This market remains fragile," said Jack Ablin, chief investment officer at BMO Private Bank. "There's nothing fundamentally wrong with the U.S. economy, but we are going through this correction process. We've got a rocky road ahead of us." Stocks started the day sharply lower and never recovered, with the Dow Jones industrial average falling as much as 548 points. No part of the market was spared. All 10 sectors of the Standard & Poor's 500 index fell more than 2 percent. Just three stocks in the S&P 500 closed higher.

"Monday's relatively

percent, to 1,913.85 and the Nasdaq composite fell 140.40 points, 2.9 percent, to 4,636.10.

As it's been for the last several weeks, the selling and problems started in Asia.

An official gauge of Chinese manufacturing fell to a three-year low last month, another sign of slowing growth in that country. The manufacturing index, which surveys purchasing managers at factories, dropped to a reading of 49.7 in August from 50.0 in July. A reading below 50 indicates a contraction.

China's stocks sank on the news, with Shanghai Composite Index closing down 1.2 percent. The index has lost 38 percent of its value since hitting a peak in June. The Chinese economy has been a focus for investors all summer, and the concerns have intensified in the last three weeks. China devalued its currency, the renminbi, in mid-August. Investors interpreted the move as a sign that China's

Faced with the possibility of slowing demand in China, the commodity markets once again took the brunt of the hit.

U.S. crude oil fell \$3.79 to close at \$45.41 a barrel in New York. Brent Crude, a benchmark for international oils used by many U.S. refineries, fell \$4.59 to close at \$49.56 in London.

Energy stocks were once again among the biggest decliners. Exxon Mobil fell nearly 4 percent and Chevron fell 2.5 percent. Exxon is down 22 percent this year, Chevron 30 percent.

In a sign of how battered energy companies have been this year, ConocoPhillips announced it was laying off 10 percent of its workers, roughly 1,800 workers, as a reaction this year's plunge in oil prices. Along with worries about China, speculation about whether or not the Federal Reserve will raise interest rates as soon as this month continues to weigh on markets. □

## You think the stock market is crazy? Look at oil prices.

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Commodity markets are renowned for their booms and busts but the last four days in the crude oil market have even experienced traders wide-eyed. The price of oil plunged 8 percent on Tuesday, following a three-day ascent of 27 percent, the biggest such jump in 25 years.

"It's wild!" said Phil Flynn, energy analyst at the Price Futures Group. "Buckle up."

The stock market has been volatile too, but nothing like oil. The S&P 500 has moved up or down by 6 percent or more only once since 2008. Oil has moved by at least 6 percent each of the last four trading days.

Big moves — mostly down — have been a hallmark of the oil market over the past year. Starting last summer oil began to fall, sliding from near \$100 to under \$45 in March. U.S. oil production was booming, OPEC nations kept oil flowing and even rising demand wasn't enough to absorb the flood of oil. Then oil's moves became more sudden in the spring and summer. Oil rose 25 percent in April. It fell 21 percent in July. It sunk to a low of \$38.24 last Monday, the lowest price since the depths of the recession in 2009.

The big decline in price was easy to explain. Against a backdrop of rising global supplies came mounting evidence from around the world that demand for oil would be far less than expected. The plummeting stock markets in China and the government's decision to devalue its currency led to fears that economic growth there was slowing sharply. Japan, the world's third largest oil consumer, revealed that its economy contracted in the second quarter. And economic growth in Europe appeared to be

in peril as the Greek debt crisis worsened.

At the same time, the U.S. and Iran reached an agreement that could lift sanctions against the OPEC nation, paving the way for more Iranian oil to return to the market, adding to already high supplies.

But the market was clearly uncomfortable with oil under \$40, traders say. And at any sign that perhaps supply and demand weren't quite so out of whack, they were ready to buy.

China's stock market soared last week, a possible signal that the worst was over. On Monday the U.S. Energy Department changed how it estimates domestic oil production and revised its numbers significantly lower.

A bulletin from OPEC suggested the cartel might be ready to work with other nations to restrict production.

Traders bought, and bought, and bought, leading to the nearly 30 percent jump in prices over the span of a few days.

Still, some traders weren't impressed. Citibank's Ed Morse wrote on Monday that the surge was a "false start" brought on by trading technicalities, a "gross misrepresentation" of OPEC's intentions and confusion about the Energy Department's new methodologies. He predicted oil would head lower.

That call looked prescient Tuesday when oil plunged \$3.79 a barrel, or 7.7 percent, to close at \$45.41 as weak manufacturing data out of China raised concerns — again — about economic growth there.

In other energy trading: — Brent Crude, a benchmark for international oil used by many U.S. refineries, fell \$4.59 to close at \$49.56.

— Wholesale gasoline fell 10.3 cents to close at \$1.396 a gallon. □



# ConocoPhillips plans to cut 10 percent of its workforce

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Energy company ConocoPhillips, which has already cut 1,000 jobs this year, says it will eliminate around 1,810 more positions following a plunge that took oil prices to their lowest levels in years. The company said Tuesday it is eliminating 10 percent

of its workforce. The biggest proportion of the job cuts will be in North America. ConocoPhillips plans to eliminate more than 500 jobs in Houston, where it is based. In a statement, ConocoPhillips said it's making the cuts because the energy industry is in a "dramatic downturn." ConocoPhillips had 18,100

employees on June 30. Oil prices have plunged because of a supply glut that built up as production increased and growth in the global economy slowed. The health of China's economy, the second-largest in the world, is a dominant concern. In response to falling oil prices almost all energy companies have either cut spend-

ing on exploration or cut jobs, often both, and many have seen big drops in their stock prices. Oil and gas and drilling services companies have said they'll cut tens of thousands of positions. The biggest oil-field service company, Schlumberger, is eliminating 20,000 jobs. ConocoPhillips said in July that it lost \$179 million in the

second quarter because of the drop in oil prices. It said it was preparing for a period of lower and more volatile prices and also pared its spending forecasts. The company said Tuesday it is reducing spending and paring back deep water exploration work, but job cuts were also needed to make it stronger and more competitive. □

# US auto market remains bright spot as China pulls back



**A worker inspects a new 2015 aluminum-alloy body Ford F-150 truck at the company's Kansas City Assembly Plant in Claycomo, Mo. Ford's U.S. sales jumped 5 percent in August 2015 as sales of its new F-150 pickup gained steam. (AP Photo/Charlie Riedel)**

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**AP Auto Writer**

**DETROIT (AP)** — As China's auto market recoils, the U.S. remains a bright spot as it rolls on toward its best performance in more than a decade. China is still the No. 1 market, but sales there are slowing as the economy cools and cities impose car ownership limits to curb

smog and congestion. At the same time, U.S. sales remain on pace to top 17 million this year for the first time since 2001. It's a reversal from six years ago, when U.S. vehicle sales plunged during the recession and China easily surpassed the U.S. as the world's largest car market. At least temporarily, automakers are left to rely on

the U.S. — and a recovering Western Europe auto market — for sales growth. Sales figures for August released Tuesday by Sweden's Volvo Cars tell the story: Volvo's U.S. vehicle sales jumped 18.3 percent as the new XC90 SUV went on sale, and they rose 6.5 percent in Europe. But its sales in China plunged 10 percent. One of every five

vehicles Volvo sells globally is sold in China. All major automakers released U.S. sales figures Tuesday. Total sales fell less than 1 percent to 1.58 million, but primarily because sales for a late-arriving Labor Day weekend will be included in September figures. Labor Day is typically a big sales weekend as dealers hold model year-end clearance sales. Last year the holiday was counted as part of August sales. Global figures for August will be released later this month. Increasingly confident U.S. consumers are being lured to dealerships by low interest rates, low gas prices and enticing new small SUVs like the Jeep Renegade and Honda HR-V despite some angst in the stock market caused by fears of the economic slowdown in China. For August, Ford reported a 5-percent gain as sales of its new F-150 gained steam, and Fiat Chrysler's sales rose 2 percent thanks to strong demand for Jeep

SUVs. Hyundai's sales were up 3 percent thanks to its new Santa Fe SUV. General Motors' U.S. sales were flat last month; it saw strong demand for the Chevrolet Silverado pickup but Cadillac sales declined. Toyota's U.S. sales fell 9 percent and Honda's sales fell 7 percent, hurt by their car-heavy lineups in a market where buyers want SUVs. Volkswagen's sales dropped 8 percent. Nissan's sales were flat. In Western Europe, car sales have risen for 22 months in a row, coming off a trough caused by the global recession and the debt and financial crisis in the countries that use the euro currency. Sales were up 7 percent through July, according to LMC Automotive. Lower European oil prices have put more money in consumer's pockets, and governments have eased austerity cutbacks aimed at reducing debt. But sales in Eastern Europe tumbled 11 percent because of the deteriorating economy in Russia. □

# Amazon to let Prime members download videos

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**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Amazon is upping the ante in the streaming-video competition with downloadable videos. The e-commerce powerhouse will now let members of its \$99 annual Prime loyalty program download some shows and movies on its streaming video service to watch offline, or when

there is no Internet connection available, for free. To watch the content users can download the Amazon Video app for iOS or Android. Users will now be able to download shows like "Downton Abbey" and "The Good Wife," HBO shows including "Girls" and "Veep" and movies including "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire" and "The

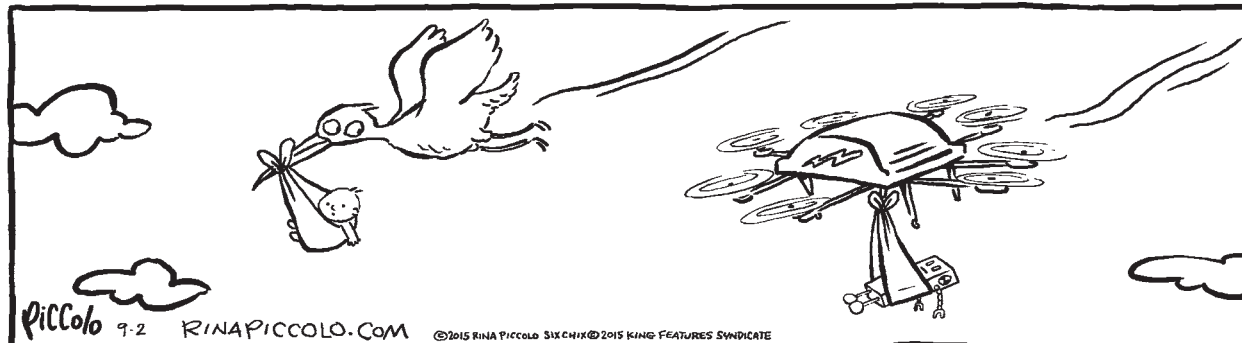
Wolf of Wall Street." Shows will be downloadable to Apple and Android phones and tablets, including Amazon's Fire devices — but not desktops or laptops. Other streaming services like Netflix and Hulu offer streaming-content only. "There's no doubt that the way people watch entertainment is changing anytime, anywhere viewing is

important," said Michael Paull, vice president of digital video at Amazon, which is based in Seattle. The downloadable videos are available to prime members in the U.S., U.K., Germany and Austria. Netflix said it had no plans to follow suit. A company spokeswoman said that with internet speeds climbing and wireless connections available in more and

more places, the ability to stream live wherever you are will increasingly dampen the need to download. Amazon has been expanding services for Prime members, including its Prime Instant Video service, to attract more subscribers to the annual program. Shares of Amazon.com Inc. fell 2 percent to \$501.78 amid a broad market sell-off. □



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Panel 1: A man with a mohawk and a "Dad Bod" shirt says, "MOST. DESPERATE."

Panel 2: The same man says, "LAUNDRY. DAY."

Panel 3: The man stands in a doorway, looking surprised.

Panel 4: A woman in a plaid shirt asks, "DUDE, IS THAT YOUR MOM'S MATERNITY SHIRT?"

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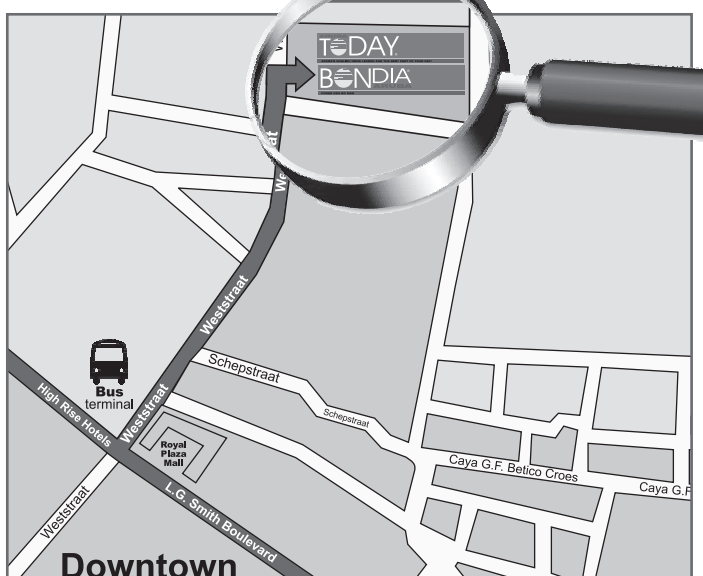
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## What's in 90 percent of seabirds' guts? 1 word: Plastics



In this photo taken in 2013, provided by Britta Denise Hardesty, a red-footed booby on Christmas Island, in the Indian Ocean. Associated Press

**SETH BORENSTEIN**  
AP Science Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — As many as nine out of 10 of the world's seabirds likely have pieces of plastic in their guts, a new study estimates. Previously, scientists figured about 29 percent of seabirds had swallowed plastic, based on older studies. An Australian team of scientists who have studied birds and marine debris for decades used computer models to update those figures, calculating that far

more seabirds are affected, according to a new study published Monday in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

"It's pretty astronomical," said study co-author Denise Hardesty, senior research scientist at the Australian federal science agency. She said the problem with plastics in the ocean is increasing as the world makes more of the stuff. "In the next 11 years we will make as much plastic as has been

made since industrial plastic production began in the 1950s."

She combined computer simulations of locations of the garbage and the birds, as well as their eating habits, to see where the worst problems are.

Hardesty's work found that the biggest problem strangely isn't where there's the most garbage, such as the infamous garbage patch in the central north Pacific Ocean. Instead it's where there's the greatest number of different species, especially in the southern hemisphere near Australia and New

Zealand.

Areas around North America and Europe are better off, she said. By reducing plastic pellets, Europe is even seeing fewer of those plastic bits in one key bird, the northern fulmar, she said. Some species of albatross and shearwaters seem to be the most prone to eating plastic pieces. Birds mistake plastic bits for fish eggs, so "they think they're getting a proper meal but they're really getting a plastic meal," Hardesty said.

Usually it's incredibly tiny pieces of plastic, but Hardesty has seen far bigger

things, such as an entire glow stick and three balloons in a single short-tailed shearwater bird.

"I have seen everything from cigarette lighters ... to bottle caps to model cars. I've found toys," Hardesty said.

And it's only likely to get worse. By 2050, 99 percent of seabirds will have plastic in them, Hardesty's computer model forecast. That prediction "seems astonishingly high, but probably not unrealistic," said American University environmental scientist Kiho Kim, who wasn't part of the study but praised it. □

## CERN: Test results show more detail about 'God particle'

**GENEVA (AP)** — After three years of scrutinizing the elusive Higgs boson closely, scientists say they've determined that the "God particle" behaves just as predicted.

The European Organization for Nuclear Research, known by its French acronym CERN, said Tuesday two experiments that previously helped confirm the particle have produced the most precise measurements yet of its decay and interaction with other particles.

The results largely match with the predictions of the Standard Model, which explains how much of the universe works at the subatomic level. CERN and other physicists are trying to establish the accuracy of that model.

Now scientists will be able to use the Higgs boson as a reference for further study, opening up the possibility of discovering new physics



In this Aug. 7, 2010 file picture a photographer takes a picture in the assembly room of the elements of the LHC (large hadron collider) at the European Particle Physics laboratory CERN in Geneva, Switzerland. Associated Press

phenomena.

"There is much benefit in combining the results of large experiments to reach the high precision needed for the next breakthrough in our field," CERN's director general Rolf Heuer said in a statement.

CERN's Large Hadron Collider, located in a 27-kilometer (16.8-mile) tunnel beneath the Swiss-French border, was instrumental in

the discovery of the Higgs boson. The subatomic particle had long been theorized but wasn't confirmed until 2013.

The collider was recently given a \$150 million upgrade that allows atoms to be smashed together with even greater force, allowing it to recreate conditions similar to those during the earliest moments of the universe. □



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# Rihanna excited to celebrate 10 years in music industry

MESFIN FEKADU

AP Music Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Rihanna says she's thrilled to have had a decade-long career in music and she plans on celebrating the feat at some point this year.

"Definitely a very big deal for me. You know, I can't believe it's 10 years already, but we definitely have to celebrate this year," the singer said during an interview Monday. "There are a few things I have in mind, so you'll have wait on that, but don't think I'm forgetting because this means a lot to me that I made it to 10 years."

Rihanna released her debut album, "Music of the Sun," in 2005. The 27-year-old has released seven albums, launched multiple Top 10 hits and won eight Grammy Awards.

This year she's dropped three singles, including



Singer Rihanna attends the "RiRi by Rihanna" fragrance launch at Macy's on Monday, Aug. 31, 2015, in the borough of Brooklyn, N.Y. Associated Press

the Top 5 hit "FourFiveSeconds," and says she's busy working on her eighth al-

bum.

"New album is going really, really great. We have

recorded a lot of songs and I can't wait to finish and put it out. That's my

next step," she said.

Rihanna made the comments at Macy's in downtown Brooklyn at the launch of her new fragrance called Ri Ri. Feverish fans screamed inside the packed store, singing her lyrics to past hits and dancing wildly as one of her songs blasted from from speakers.

"I know I made a great decision coming to Brooklyn because Brooklyn fans are on another level," she said. "They are full of energy and they're loud and I like that. They're going to turn up in here today."

The singer said Ri Ri is the first of a new trilogy of fragrances. She's had more than a half dozen other fragrances in the past.

"I intentionally wanted to do something fun, something that made you feel young, flirty, you know, cute," she said with a smile. "It's like a brand new pair of shoes." □

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## Whitaker urges lawmakers to speak out for young people

**UNITED NATIONS (AP)** — Oscar-winning actor and U.N. goodwill ambassador Forest Whitaker urged world lawmakers on Monday to speak out to help former child soldiers in Uganda, South Sudan and Myanmar, gang members in Mexico and the United States, and orphans in Syria and other countries.

He said many young people around the world feel marginalized because nobody listens to them and believe their only recourse is violence and extremism. Whitaker is the special envoy for peace and reconciliation for the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and was the keynote speaker at the Fourth World Conference of Parliament Speakers held by the Inter-Parliamentary Union which



In this Monday, June 8, 2015, file photo, Forest Whitaker, producer of "Dope," arrives at the premiere of the film at the Los Angeles Film Festival in Los Angeles.

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opened Monday. He said he found during a decade of work with young men and women that they share "deep and widespread discontentment with the political status quo" and are struggling "to

define their identities and discover their purposes." "You have to help these people find their way so they can stand strong," Whitaker told parliament speakers from more than 120 countries. □

## Bond author sorry for saying Idris Elba 'too street' for 007



In this file photo photo dated Thursday, Dec. 5, 2013, British actor Idris Elba who plays Nelson Mandela in the movie "Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom", poses for photographers in London.

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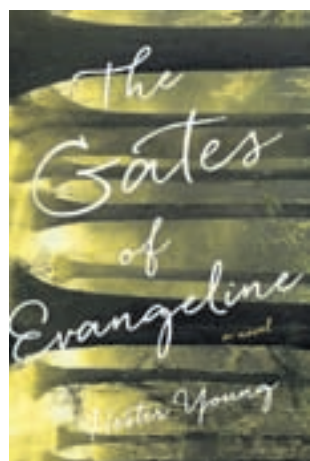
**LONDON (AP)** — The author of the new James Bond novel apologized on Tuesday after he said that British actor Idris Elba is "too street" to play 007. In an interview with the Daily Mail newspaper published over the weekend, Anthony Horowitz, the author of the new Bond novel

"Trigger Mortis," said Elba is "too 'street' for Bond."

Elba, 42, has been rumored to be among the actors considered to replace Daniel Craig as the next Bond. He would be the first black actor to play the spy should he be cast.

"Idris Elba is a terrific actor, but I can think of other black actors who would do it better," Horowitz was quoted saying. "It's not a color issue ... Is it a question of being suave? Yeah." Horowitz said Tuesday he was thinking of Elba's gritty detective role in the BBC crime drama "Luther" during the interview, and didn't mean to cause offense.

"In the article I expressed the opinion that to my mind Adrian Lester would be a better choice but I'm a writer not a casting director so what do I know?" he said in a statement that was posted to his Twitter account. □



**JEFF AYERS**  
Associated Press

Charlotte "Charlie" Cates

This photo provided by G.P. Putnam's Sons shows the cover of the book, "The Gates of Evangeline," by Hester Young.

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has had a rough time. Her husband ran off with another woman and then her young son died from a brain aneurysm. She jeopardized her job by taking time off from work to deal with these events, and she spends her days wallowing in self-pity. She

takes sleeping pills to find peace from otherwise restless nights. Then Cates is asked by an old boss to write the history of a family whose 2-year-old son vanished from his locked bedroom in the early 1980s. The mystery has never been solved. She's told the family is finally ready to talk about that tragic event while discussing several generations of their history. While she prepares to live for a while in Louisiana and write the book, she begins to have intense dreams that focus on young children in danger. Prior to a ballet recital, she

has a vision of her best friend's young daughter tripping on the curtain and breaking her ankle.

At the venue she watches events unfold as she saw them in her dream. Then she starts having dreams about a little boy in a rowboat. She knows it is the missing child.

Cates is a sympathetic and realistic heroine who tells a captivating tale, and the gothic feeling of life on the estate plus the balance between hopelessness and utter joy is rich and rewarding. What makes the story ultimately work is author Hester Young's amazing writing. □

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